

# IHS Injury Prevention News

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## Second Annual Transportation Safety Conference

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and disability in Indian communities. By working together and using effective strategies, we can reduce the tragedy of transportation related injuries.

In response to this tragedy, the Menominee, Oneida and Stockbridge-Munsee Tribes of Wisconsin will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Lakes Native American Transportation Safety Conference May 1-4, 2001.

The goal of the conference is to build tribal capacity to address transportation safety needs in tribal populations by:

- ✓ Exploring the scope of the problem within tribes and the impact of the problem on tribal populations
- ✓ Identifying existing programs, successes and resources
- ✓ Developing an action plan to take back to your community
- ✓ Offering specialized training opportunities for police, emergency services providers, program planners and youth.

The target audience for this conference is tribes in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin

Those who are encouraged to attend include personnel in the following fields:

- ✓ Law Enforcement

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## 2001 Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship

Due to the magnitude of the injury problem in Indian Country and the limited number of people trained in injury prevention, the Indian Health Service developed an Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship to address these issues. The goal of the Fellowship is to increase the knowledge of public health professionals about injury epidemiology; effective, available strategies for primary prevention and control; and the skills necessary to develop a stronger and permanent base from which to build more effective injury control programs. A key advantage of the Fellowship is that it is a duty station based activity.

The IHS Headquarters Office of Public Health provides financial support for Fellowship participants' travel, per diem, and tuition for required course work and out-of-Area fieldwork, with the exception of participants from Self-Governance compact tribes. These tribes are responsible for paying all travel, per diem, and tuition expenses for their Fellowship participants.

Applicants to the Fellowship may be tribal or IHS employees. In order to be considered for the Fellowship, applicants must have a Bachelor of Science degree in a health related field; successfully completed the IHS Level I and Level II Injury Prevention training courses; at least three years experience in public health; and a minimum of two years of field experience in community-based injury prevention programs.

**Letters of interest must reach Diana Kuklinski by January 31, 2001.** Each letter must be co-signed by the applicant's supervisor or administrator and be accompanied by a current resume.

For additional information, contact Diana Kuklinski at 218.759.3383 or Stewart Watson at 715-365-5112.

### DID YOU KNOW??

Infant seats, convertible seats and booster seats are 71% effective in saving children's lives during crashes.

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- ✓ Emergency Medical Services and Fire Fighting
- ✓ Health Care
- ✓ Education, Head Start and Daycare
- ✓ Planning and Engineering
- ✓ Public Works
- ✓ Mental Health and Social Services
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Advocates, Volunteers and others who are interested in transportation safety issues

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, adjacent to the Oneida Casino. A continental breakfast will be provided each morning and lunch will be provided on the first two days.

Space is limited and there are a limited number of scholarships available to pay for lodging expenses.

There will be an additional day this year with learning tracks especially for police, EMS personnel, high school students and those who are involved in running injury prevention or other programs. The plans call for sessions on crash site investigations, grant writing, program evaluation and underage drinking. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions.

This conference is sponsored by the Menominee, Oneida, and Stockbridge-Munsee Tribes; the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, a site of the Children's Safety Network; Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention; the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Safety; the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service.

For more information, contact Stewart Watson at 715.365.5112 .

## Area Tribal Organizations Receive National Grants

Two tribal organizations in the Bemidji Area applied for and were awarded Indian Health Service grants. The **Fond du Lac Tribe** and the **Northern Native American Health Alliance** (Bad River, LCO, Red Cliff and St. Croix) were two of twenty-five tribal

organizations nationally to receive the new Part I Capacity Building Cooperative Agreement Awards of up to \$50,000 per year for 5 years.

In addition, the **Gerald Ignace Health Center**, the **Stockbridge-Munsee Band**, the **Mille Lacs Band**, and the **Whiter Earth Band** were two of eleven groups to be awarded Injury Intervention Cooperative Agreement Awards of up to \$15,000 per year for 3 years.

Of the three Injury Prevention Training Cooperative Agreement Awards of \$5,000, the Bemidji Area was awarded two. **Grand Traverse** and **Sault Ste. Marie** will be holding injury prevention trainings during FY 2001 using these funds.

## Local Tribes Receive Booster Seats

Congratulations are in order for eight local groups awarded booster seats through Ford's Boost America.

Michigan tribes to be awarded the booster seats are **Bay Mills, Keweenaw Bay, Little River Band, Pokagon and Saginaw Chippewa. Fond du Lac** and **White Earth** were awarded the seats in Minnesota while the **Native American Health Alliance** will receive seats in Wisconsin.

Forty-three tribes, tribal organizations and organizations that serve native populations were awarded booster seats through this program. Overall, 15,000 booster seats will be distributed through Boost America.

## Sobriety Checkpoints Constitutional

By a 6-3 vote, in a case that ruled drug trafficking checkpoints unconstitutional, the Supreme Court justices upheld the rights of police to conduct sobriety checkpoints, since they have a higher purpose of keeping the highways safe.

### Surfing the Net

**WISQARS™** (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System) is an interactive system that provides customized injury-related mortality data useful for research and for making informed public health decisions. WISQARS is produced and maintained by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The system can be accessed at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/default.htm>

## INJURY PREVENTION CONTACTS

The following IHS and Tribal sanitarians can be contacted with questions concerning injury prevention topics:

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# Calendar

### NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

FEBRUARY 11-17, 2001

SPONSOR: NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

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### NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

MARCH 18-24, 2001

SPONSOR: US CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

INFORMATION: KEN GILES 301.504.0580 x 184

### INJURY PREVENTION DATA ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION

TUCSON, ARIZONA

APRIL 9-13, 2001

SPONSOR: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

INFORMATION: DIANA KUKLINSKI 218.759.3383

### GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

MAY 1-4, 2001

SPONSOR: MULTIPLE

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## Editor's Note

I welcome any input concerning the content of this publication. I want it to be a tool to disseminate useful information to injury prevention professionals working with Native Americans in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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